

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Stafford County, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

July 31, 2007 to August 28, 2007

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a federal construction activity to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

Department of Defense/U.S. Marine Corps

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Marine Corp Base Quantico (MCBQ) proposes development of the Westside of MCBQ, including the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) action at MCBQ. The development would entail construction of new facilities in two undeveloped areas west of I-95. These areas, the Russell Road Area and the MCB-1 Area, would accommodate the co-location of the Military Department Investigative Agency Headquarters with the Counterintelligence Field Activity and Defense Security Service at MCBQ as directed by the 2005 BRAC law. They would also provide space for adequate facilities to support Marine Corps units currently at MCBQ, as well as potentially other federal and Marine Corps initiatives that may identify MCBQ as a site for relocation. The components of the Proposed Action include construction and operation of new facilities with a potential mix of uses to include administrative, warehouse, maintenance, and industrial facilities, with the necessary infrastructure, road improvements, and security measures to support the Proposed Action. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and federal consistency determination submitted for the proposal identifies and evaluates the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of facilities for approximately 3,000 personnel expected from Alternative A (BRAC Action); 5,000 personnel under Alternative B, which would include facilities for 2,000 personnel in addition to the 3,000 under Alternative A; and the No Action Alternative. Two sites for the BRAC Action, one located in the northern portion of the MCB-1 Area and the other in the southern portion of the Russell Road Area, are analyzed as the BRAC site options (BRAC Option 1 (Russell Road) and BRAC Option 2 (MCB-1)) under both Alternatives A and B.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ

within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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